



## **National Grain and Feed Association**

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Re: STB Ex Parte No. 658

To: Vernon A. Williams, Secretary, Surface Transportation Board

From: Kendell Keith

Subject: Notice of Intent to Participate

National Grain and Feed Association, a trade association, offers this notice as its intention to participate in the Ex Parte No. 658 hearing on October 19, 2005.

Mr. Kendell Keith, President of the National Grain and Feed Association, will be the witness.

We request 10 minutes allocated for the testimony.

The testimony will address:

- Successful market outcomes to which the Staggers Act and ICCTA have contributed.
- Impacts of deregulation of rail carriers on consolidation.
- Rail service capacity issues, some of which are challenging to resolve in the existing legal and regulatory structure.
- Railroad consolidation impacts on access to certain markets.
- Car ownership issues under existing regulations.
- Issues involving the potential resolution of excessive rail rates.
- Rail fuel surcharges under current market conditions.